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SUBJECT: OPENING OF THE IPU'S SPRING CONFERENCE

SUMMARY: MEXICO'S PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA OPENED THE INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION'S SPRING CONFERENCE APRIL 20 WITH A SPEECH BLAMING THE SPREAD OF FASCISM ON "AN IMPERIAL POLICY IN THE SERVICE OF THE ACCUMULATION OF POWER AND WEALTH ON A WORLD-SCALE". ON APR 19, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE IPU ANNOUNCED THAT RESOLUTIONS WILL BE PRESENTED SUSPENDING FOUR MEMBER PARLIAMENTS AND CONDEMNING THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA INAUGURATED THE IPU'S SPRING CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY WITH A SPEECH CALLING FOR INCREASED THIRD WORLD SOLIDARITY, THE APPLICATION OF THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES (CERDS), AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. ALTHOUGH HE

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DID NOT MENTION THE US BY NAME, HIS ATTACK BY INNUENDO WAS

CLEAR ENOUGH: "THE PROLIFERATION OF FASCISM IN BACKWARD NATIONS IS THE CLEAREST FRUIT OF AN IMPERIAL POLICY IN THE SERVICE OF THE ACCUMULATION OF POWER AND WEALTH ON A WORLD SCALE."

2. IN ANOTHER OPENING DAY SPEECH, THE HEAD OF THE MEXICAN DELEGATION, SEN VICTOR MANZANILLA SCHAFFER, ATTACKED FASCISM IN CHILE AND URUGUAY AND CALLED FOR A SALUTE TO MRS HORTENSIA BUSSI DE ALLENDE AND THE CHILEAN EXILES IN HER PARTY. (PREVIOUS PRESS ACCOUNTS INDICATE THAT FORMER SEN ALEJANDRO TORO OF THE CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTY, FORMER DIP LUIS MARIA OF THE CHRISTIAN LEFT, ROGELIO DE LA FUENTE OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY, FORMER SEN HUGO MIRANDA OF THE RADICAL PARTY AND MRS ALLENDE WERE INVITED TO ATTEND SOME SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE.)

3. IN CONTRAST TO ECHEVERRIA AND MANZANILLA, FONSEC ALFONSO GARCIA ROBLES GAVE A MODERATE SPEECH WELCOMING THE IPU TO WORKING SESSIONS AT FOREIGN SECRETARIAT. BESIDES URGING THE NECESSITY OF A NIEO, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CERDS, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, GARCIA ROBLES CRITICIZED THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH "HAVE NOT HAD ANY RESULT IN THE REALM OF DISARMAMENT."

4. PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE, PIO CARLO TERENCEZIO, SEC GEN OF THE IPU, ANNOUNCED ON APRIL 19 THAT THE ORGANIZING COUNCIL WAS RECOMMENDING THE SUSPENSION OF THE PARLIAMENTS OF ARGENTINA, BAHRAIN, BANGLADESH AND YEMEN (UNSPECIFIED WHICH YEMEN) BECAUSE THESE LEGISLATIVE BODIES HAVE BEEN DISSOLVED AND LOST THEIR REPRESENTATIVE CHARACTERISTICS. TERENCEZIO ALSO SAID THAT A RESOLUTION, WHICH REITERATES THE IPU'S POSITION OF "CONDEMNATION AND GREAT ANXIETY" ABOUT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT, WILL BE PRESENTED.

5. ON APRIL 20, LUIS HERRERA CAMPIS, HEAD OF THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION AND A MEMBER OF A UN MISSION WHICH VISITED CHILE IN 1975, TOLD THE PRESS THAT IT'S POSSIBLE THAN AN INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS WOULD BE FORMED DURING THE CONFERENCE TO INVESTIGATE THE "CRIMES" OF THE CHILEAN MILITARY JUNTA.

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6. U.S. PARTICIPANTS REPORT THAT MEXICAN DELEGATES ARE ALREADY PUSHING FOR LANGUAGE FAVORING CERDS AND NIEO IN VIRTUALLY EVERY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND THAT GOM-PUBLISHED COPIES OF CERDS ABOUND IN NUMEROUS LANGUAGES.
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